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# Senate Bill 427

# RELATING TO CREATING AN INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX CHECKOFF FOR THE CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS.

- Under current law, an individual income tax check-off procedure exists that allows an individual who files a return to designate any amount of additional payment or any amount of a refund due for the endangered resources program.
- This bill creates a similar income tax checkoff for designations to the children's trust fund.



# Halbur, Jennifer

From:

Roessler, Carol

Sent:

Tuesday, February 10, 2004 11:36 AM

To:

Seaguist, Sara; Halbur, Jennifer

Subject:

FW: Senate Bill 427

CR inbox thought you both should see this

----Original Message----

From: Snyder, MaryAnne [mailto:maryanne.snyder@ctf.state.wi.us]

Sent: Tuesday, February 10, 2004 11:04 AM

To: List Serve RFTS (E-mail); Listserv- FRC Network (E-mail)

Subject: Senate Bill 427

Dear colleagues,

Legislation has been introduced that would allow taxpayers to contribute to the Children's Trust Fund through a tax check-off on individual income tax forms. Currently, 17 other states have tax check-offs for similar entities that work toward preventing child abuse and neglect, promoting awareness, and strengthening families.

The four bi-partisan legislators? Sen. Carol Roessler, Sen. Robert Wirch, Rep. Steve Kestell, and Rep. Mark Miller? who are members of the Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention (CANP) Board that administers the Children's Trust Fund introduced Senate Bill (SB) 427.

The first step in passing SB 427 is to have the Senate Committee on Health, Children, Families, Aging and Long Term Care vote this bill out of committee. I you have an opinion about SB 427 please contact the committee members listed below before Thursday, Feb. 12 at 9:00 a.m.

- Senator Carol Roessler sen.roessler@legis.state.wi.us
- \* Senator Theodore Kanavas sen.kanavas@legis.state.wi.us
- \* Senator Ronald Brown sen.brown@legis.state.wi.us
- \* Senator Robert Welch sen.welch@legis.state.wi.us
- \* Senator Dale Schultz sen.schultz@legis.state.wi.us
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- \* Senator Tim Carpenter sen.carpenter@legis.state.wi.us

The creation of the tax check-off for the Children's Trust Fund will encourage private, tax deductible donations for our vital mission? preventing child abuse and neglect? during these times of declining public resources. The CANP Board will administer the monies collected through the tax check-off. The funds will be used to provide grants to more local programs to strengthen Wisconsin's families (currently the Children's Trust Fund can fund only 5% of the requests it receives), to develop educational materials that promote positive parenting and child abuse awareness, and to support a Wisconsin call to action? a plan to guide this state's future investments in the work to end child abuse and neglect.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or need additional information. I would also appreciate knowing if you have contacted these Senators. Thank You - Mary Anne

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# Seaquist, Sara

From:

Kurtz, Hunter

Sent:

Tuesday, February 10, 2004 3:16 PM

To:

Seaquist, Sara

Subject: FW: Writing in support of SB 427

----Original Message----

From: Erin Barstad [mailto:ErinBarstad@centurytel.net]

Sent: Tuesday, February 10, 2004 2:51 PM

To: sen.roessler@legis.state.wi.us Subject: Writing in support of SB 427

I work at Family Resources in La Crosse doing home visits with families. We work hard to prevent child abuse and our services are available free of charge to any parent. I am writing to express my extreme support of SB 427-all money spent to prevent child abuse saves a significant amount of money in the future. This option for donation on the income tax form will also help to educate people about the need for funding for this service area. Thank you for all that you do.

Erin Barstad Program Director-Parent Education Family Resources (608) 784-8125 erinbarstad@centurytel.net

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# Seaquist, Sara

From:

Kurtz, Hunter

Sent:

Tuesday, February 10, 2004 3:43 PM

To:

Seaguist, Sara

Subject: FW: SB 427

----Original Message----

From: McKinzi Simonsen [mailto:rivsourc@discover-net.net]

Sent: Tuesday, February 10, 2004 11:33 AM

**To:** sen.roessler@legis.state.wi.us; sen.kanavas@legis.state.wi.us; sen.brown@legis.state.wi.us; sen.welch@legis.state.wi.us; sen.schultz@legis.state.wi.us; sen.robson@legis.state.wi.us; sen.chvala@legis.state.wi.us; sen.jauch@legis.state.wi.us; en.carpenter@legis.state.wi.us

Subject: SB 427

Dear Senator.

It is critical in that in these times of declining public resources that we continue to provide prevention of child abuse and neglect. As we know in tough times, stress rises and so do the instances of abuse. As a resident of the State of Wisconsin and parent of two small children I ask that you represent the young families in this state and assist in voting SB 427 out of the committee. The creation of the tax check-off for the Children's Trust Fund will encourage private, tax deductible donations for our vital mission of preventing child abuse and neglect during these stressful times to strengthen Wisconsin's families. Currently the Children's Trust Fund can fund only 5% of the requests it receives, to develop educational materials that promote positive parenting and child abuse awareness, and to support a Wisconsin call to action plan to guide this state's future investments in the work to end child abuse and neglect.

McKinzi Simonsen 804 Rand St Chippewa Falls, WI 54729 mckerik@hotmail.com

# Seaquist, Sara

From: Amy Bakken [bakken@coredcs.com]

Sent: Tuesday, February 10, 2004 4:37 PM

To: sen.roessler@legis.state.wi.us

Subject: SB 427

Dear Senator Roessler,

I'm writing to let you know that I am very much in support of SB 427. I feel that this bill introduces an great way for the residents of Wisconsin support the activities of the Children's Trust Fund.

Amy Bakken 6067 Sharonwood Lane Stevens Point, WI 54481 715 344-3230

# Halbur, Jennifer

From: Kenneth Ramminger [beehv@palacenet.net]

Sent: Wednesday, February 11, 2004 7:21 PM

To: sen.roessler@legis.state.wi.us

Cc: maryanne.snyder@ctf.state.wi.us

Subject: Senate Bill 427

As a person who had administrative responsibility for Milwaukee County Child Welfare programs from 1966 to 1984; and as Director of the Marquette County Department of Social Services from 1986 to 1998, I would urge you to support SB 427.

Kenneth Ramminger beehv@palacenet.net



TO: Carol FROM: Sara

DATE: February 11, 2004

SUBJECT: Testimony for SB 427, tax check-off

Mary Anne Snyder will be testifying in support of SB 427. I left her a message saying you will be joining her...

- We (myself, Sen. Wirch, Rep. Kestell, & Rep. Miller) are introducing legislation that would allow taxpayers to make a contribution to the Children's Trust Fund through a tax check-off on individual income tax forms. Currently, 17 other states have tax check-offs for similar entities that work toward preventing child abuse and neglect, promoting awareness, and strengthening families.
- The creation of the tax check-off for the Children's Trust Fund will encourage support for this group's vital mission — preventing child abuse and neglect during these times of declining public resources. The Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board is the state government's lead voice in promoting a vision that all Wisconsin children will grow up free of physical, sexual, and emotional abuse and all forms of neglect.
- Wisconsin spends more than \$1 billion every year repairing the damage done to children from abuse and neglect. We spend only .8%of that amount — \$8.07 million — each year in prevention. And we know that prevention programs save this state many times the investment in the long run. Studies show that prevention yields a payback of about \$19 for every \$1 invested.
- We will see a major reduction in the incidence and costs of child abuse and neglect when we are able to fund prevention at a higher level. Also, we need to increase our investment in prevention to keep the high costs associated with intervention and treatment from rising even further. Although the Children's Trust Fund monitors the efficient use of existing resources to prevent child abuse and neglect in Wisconsin — more resources are needed.
- This bill has bipartisan support, as protecting our children is a bipartisan effort.
   The passage of SB 427 will aid in the prevention of child abuse and neglect and will help to ensure that more children in Wisconsin will grow up in healthy environments.

Voice: 608-266-5300 Fax: 608-266-0463



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# MEMORANDUM

To:

Senator Roessler

From:

Marc E. Shovers, Sr. Legislative Attorney, (608) 266-0129

Subject:

Technical Memorandum to SB-427 (LRB 03-3785/2)

We received the attached technical memorandum relating to your bill. I believe that the point raised by DOR is correct and that a cross—reference to s.71.80 (3m) should be added. This problem also exists in current law, in s.71.10 (5)(b) 3. and (d), and in s.71.10 (5e)(b) 3. and (d). This copy is for your information and your file. If you wish to discuss this memorandum or the necessity of revising your bill or preparing an amendment, please contact me.

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#### MEMORANDUM

February 10, 2004

TO:

Marc Shovers

Legislative Reference Bureau

FROM:

**Dennis Collier** 

Department of Revenue

SUBJECT:

Technical Memorandum on SB 427: Individual Income Tax Checkoff for

Children's Trust Fund

Proposed sec. 71.10(5f)(b)3 and (d) provide that refunds are first credited under secs. 71.75(9) and 71.80(3). Section 71.80(3) only refers to crediting overpayments on individual or separate returns. There should also be a reference to sec. 71.80(3m), which refers to crediting overpayments on a joint return.

If you have questions regarding this technical memorandum, please contact Karyn Kriz at 261-8984.

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## Seaquist, Sara

From: Sent:

To:

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Thursday, February 12, 2004 4:10 PM

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#### Dear Senator:

Please consider assisting the Children's Trust Fund (CTF) by supporting SB 427, which allows individuals to choose to allocate tax dollars to CTF on individual income tax forms.

The Trust Fund has been vital in working toward preventing child abuse and neglect, promoting awareness, and strengthening families in Wisconsin. By making prevention materials and resources available to all families and agencies that work with these families throughout the state, the Children's Trust Fund's work is imperative in the future success of some of our state's most needy children.

As addressing the issues related to the prevention of child abuse and neglect is a serious concern for both Republican and Democratic parties—it is my hope you will support this bill.

Thank you in advance,

June Paul 1924 E. Main St. Madison, WI 53704





February 12, 2004

# Testimony in Support of SB 427—Tax Check-off for Child Abuse Prevention

## Committee Members:

I submit this testimony before you today in support of SB 427. The tax check-off for the prevention of child abuse and neglect will go a long way toward keeping Wisconsin children safe and Wisconsin families strong.

Wisconsin spends a total of \$798 million to repair the damage done by abuse and neglect. Tragically, we spend only \$8.07 million to prevent abuse and protect our children.

### In the state of Wisconsin in 2001:

Every 13 minutes a child was reported abused or neglected.

Every 33 minutes a child was neglected.

Every 42 minutes a child was physically abused.

Every 52 minutes a child was sexually abused.

Every 21 days a child died from abuse or neglect.

The Legislative members of the Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board have worked together in bi-partisan fashion to create a tax check-off that has no fiscal cost to the state. The cost will be absorbed by profits from the check-off. The staff and the 4 legislators on the Board have researched other states and have built the Wisconsin tax check-off for Child Abuse and Neglect around the successes of other states. We believe that we have created the best legislation possible for this check-off.

Wisconsin already has a check off for Lambeau Field, and for Endangered Species. I urge you to support our children with this tax check-off. The Children's Trust Fund and the Child Abuse Neglect Prevention Board have a proven record and commitment to preventing the abuse of our children, and in strengthening families.

The Children's Trust Fund has recently celebrated its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary and the additional funds generated by this tax check-off will guarantee that they will be able to continue to fulfill their mission.

Thank you for your time today.



# Wisconsin's Resource For Preventing Child Abuse

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Sen. Robert Wirch

22nd Senate District

To:

Senate Committee on Health, Children, Families, Aging and

Long Term Care

From:

Mary Anne Snyder

**Executive Director** 

RE:

Testimony in Support of SB 427

Senator Carol Roessler, Senator Robert Wirch, Representative. Steve Kestell, and Representative Mark Miller – who are members of the Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention (CANP) Board that administers the Children's Trust Fund introduced Senate Bill (SB) 427. This legislation allows taxpayers to make a contribution to the Children's Trust Fund through a tax check-off on individual income tax forms. Currently, 17 other states have tax check-offs for similar entities that work toward preventing child abuse and neglect, promoting awareness, and strengthening families.

The creation of the tax check-off for the Children's Trust Fund will encourage private donations to support our critical mission during these times of declining public resources. The 16-member, bi-partisan Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention (CANP) Board is recognized as state government's lead voice in promoting a vision that all Wisconsin children will grow up free of physical, sexual, and emotional abuse and all forms of neglect.

Numerous studies show that prevention programs will save this state many times the investment in the long run - a payback of about \$19 for every \$1 invested. The need is great – for example – last year the Children's Trust Fund received 82 applications statewide for family support grants and we only had the resources to fund 15.

We will only see a major reduction in the incidence and costs of child abuse and neglect when we are able to fund prevention at a higher level. Also, we need to increase our investment in prevention to keep the high costs associated with intervention and treatment from rising even further. Although the Children's Trust Fund monitors the efficient use of existing resources to prevent child abuse and neglect in Wisconsin — more resources are needed.

Additional funds raised by the Children's Trust Fund through a tax check off will result in Wisconsin receiving a larger Federal (CBCAP Title II) grant because the Children's Trust Fund will be able to declare higher match funds.

The CANP Board will administer the monies collected through the tax check-off. The funds will be used to provide grants to more local programs to strengthen Wisconsin's families (currently the Children's Trust Fund can fund only 5% of the requests it receives), to develop educational materials that promote positive parenting and child abuse awareness, and to support a Wisconsin call to action — a plan to guide this state's future investments in the work to end child abuse and neglect.

Every community in Wisconsin needs a comprehensive family support system. Changes in our social structure in the last 50 years have reduced natural support structures for parents. Most families today have no blood relatives living within 100 miles. The average person moves every 5 years. And, as more and more parents work outside the home (sometimes working two and three jobs), contact with neighbors is often rare. This means that what used to happen informally, we must now build intentionally.

All families need support—families who are doing a great job and want to keep it that way, as well as, families who are experiencing multiple stressors that too often result in child neglect and abuse. Over half of all the children who die from abuse or neglect were previously unknown to child protective services. Child neglect is the most common form of child maltreatment. Nationwide the incidence of neglect is almost 2 ½ times that of physical abuse. In Wisconsin, the largest number of neglect cases occur in children 2 years of age and younger. Family

Keeping children safe and families strong is what the Children's Trust Fund has been doing for the last 20 years. It is the single most important activity Wisconsin can engage in for the next 20. If we could raise one generation of nurtured, healthy, and well-educated children we would eliminate so many problems – violence, drug abuse, juvenile delinquency, and incarceration.

Everybody has a role in building healthy communities and preventing child abuse and neglect. We are asking strong families can reach out to struggling families.

Wisconsin currently has two tax check-offs ..... one for the Green Bay Packers and one for Endangered Wildlife Species. Citizens of Wisconsin donate funds for football, bugs and beasts. Why not make babies this state's number one priority?